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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re NEW PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant : Oliver HERICOURT et al.)
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Appln. No. : Unknown)
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Filed : Herewith)
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For : SYSTEM AND METHOD)
FOR DOWNLOADING A)
VIRUS-FREE FILE)
CERTIFICATE FROM A)
FILE SERVER)
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Atty. Dkt. : FR9-1999-0112-US1)

**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination please ~~amend~~ above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel ~~claims 8 and 18~~ without prejudice.

Please ~~amend~~ the claims as follows:

- 1 1. (Amended) A method, for use in a client system [(100)], for downloading from a file
2 server [(101)] a file and an associated virus-free certificate [(200)] certifying that the file
3 is virus-free, comprising the steps of :
4 • sending [(401)] a request to a file server for a virus-free certificate associated with
5 a file to download from said file server, said request comprising one or a plurality
6 of requirements [(301...307)] for said virus-free certificate;

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